

Location: Abilene, Texas
Entity No. 22383
Unit No.: 1128

**RAMADA FRANCHISE SYSTEMS, INC.
LICENSE AGREEMENT**

THIS LICENSE AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), dated March 21, 1997, is between RAMADA FRANCHISE SYSTEMS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("we", "our" or "us"), and ABILENE INN HOTEL, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership ("you"). The definitions of capitalized terms are found in Appendix A. In consideration of the following mutual promises, the parties agree as follows:

This transaction involves the transfer of an existing Chain Facility at the Location first granted to Pacifica Enterprises, Inc., a _____ Corporation ("Prior Licensee") in a License Agreement with us dated February 26, 1993 (the "Prior Agreement"). You assume and obligate yourself to perform any and all of the obligations (financial and otherwise) of the Prior Licensee under the Prior Agreement that is not paid or performed as of the date of this Agreement, including without limitation, the obligation to pay any unpaid Royalties, RINA Services Assessment Fees or other amounts due us and to correct any uncured defaults other than as expressly superseded by this Agreement.

1. **License.** We acquired from Franchise Systems Holdings, Inc. ("FSH") pursuant to the Master License Agreements the right to use and to sublicense certain trade names, trademarks and service marks including the Marks and the distinctive Ramada System for providing transient guest lodging services to the public under the "RAMADA" name and certain services to its licensees, including the Reservation System, advertising, marketing and training services. We have the exclusive right to license and franchise to you the distinctive "Ramada" System for providing transient guest lodging services. We grant to you and you accept the License, effective and commencing on the Opening Date and ending on the earliest to occur of the Term's expiration, a Transfer or a Termination. You will call the Facility a "Ramada Inn." You may adopt additional or secondary designations for the Facility with our prior written consent, which we may withhold, condition, or withdraw on written notice in our sole discretion.

2. **Ramada Inns National Association.**

2.1 **Membership.** You automatically become a member of the Ramada Inns National Association ("RINA"), an unincorporated association. Other Chain licensees are also members of RINA. RINA may consider and discuss common issues relating to advertising and operation of facilities in the System and, through its Executive Committee, make recommendations to us regarding such issues and other matters.



national securities exchange or the automated quotation system of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (or any successor system), provided that any tender offer for at least a majority of your Equity Interests will be an Equity Transfer subject to Section 9.1.

9.3 Conditions. We may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, condition and withhold our consent to a Transfer when required under this Section 9 until the transferee and you meet certain conditions. If a Transfer is to occur, the transferee (or you, if an Equity Transfer is involved) must first complete and submit our Application, qualify to be a licensee in our sole discretion, given the circumstances of the proposed Transfer, provide the same supporting documents as a new license applicant, pay the Application and Relicense Fees then in effect, sign the form of License Agreement we then offer in conversion transactions and agree to renovate the Facility as if it were an existing facility of similar age and condition converting to the System, as we reasonably determine. We will provide a Punch List of improvements we will require after the transferee's Application is submitted to us. We must also receive general releases from you and each of your owners, and payment of all amounts then owed to us and our affiliates by you, your owners, your affiliates, the transferee, its owners and affiliates, under this Agreement or otherwise. Our consent to the transaction will not be effective until these conditions are satisfied.

9.4 Permitted Transferee Transactions. You may transfer an Equity Interest or effect an Equity Transfer to a Permitted Transferee without obtaining our consent, renovating the Facility or paying a Relicense Fee or Application Fee. No Transfer will be deemed to occur. You also must not be in default and you must comply with the application and notice procedures specified in Sections 9.3 and 9.6. Each Permitted Transferee must first agree in writing to be bound by this Agreement, or at our option, execute the License Agreement form then offered prospective licensees. No transfer to a Permitted Transferee shall release a living transferor from liability under this Agreement or any guarantor under any Guaranty of this Agreement. You must comply with this Section if you transfer the Facility to a Permitted Transferee. A transfer resulting from a death may occur even if you are in default under this Agreement.

9.5 Attempted Transfers. Any transaction requiring our consent under this Section 9 in which our consent is not first obtained shall be void, as between you and us. You will continue to be liable for payment and performance of your obligations under this Agreement until we terminate this Agreement, all your financial obligations to us are paid and all System identification is removed from the Facility.

9.6 Notice of Transfers. You will give us at least 30 days prior written notice of any proposed Transfer or Permitted Transferee transaction. You will notify us when you sign a contract to Transfer the Facility and 10 days before you intend to close on the transfer of the Facility. We will respond to all requests for our consent and notices of Permitted Transferee transactions within a reasonable time not to exceed 30 days. You will notify us in writing within 30 days after a change in ownership of 25% or more of your Equity Interests that are not publicly held or that is not an Equity Transfer, or a change in the ownership of the Facility if you are not its

owner. You will provide us with lists of the names, addresses, and ownership percentages of your owner(s) at our request.

10. Our Assignments. We may assign, delegate or subcontract all or any part of our rights and duties under this Agreement, including by operation of law, without notice and without your consent. We will have no obligations to you after you are notified that our transferee has assumed our obligations under this Agreement except those that arose before we assign this Agreement.

11. Default and Termination.

11.1 Default. In addition to the matters identified in Section 3.1, you will be in default under this Agreement if (a) you do not pay us when a payment is due, (b) you do not perform any of your other obligations when this Agreement and the System Standards Manual require, or (c) if you otherwise breach this Agreement. If your default is not cured within ten days after you receive written notice from us that you have not filed your monthly report, paid us any amount that is due or breached your obligations regarding Confidential Information, or within 30 days after you receive written notice from us of any other default (except as noted below), then we may terminate this Agreement by written notice to you, under Section 11.2. We will not exercise our right to terminate if you have completely cured your default, or until any waiting period required by law has elapsed. In the case of quality assurance default, if you have acted diligently to cure the default but cannot do so and have entered into a written improvement agreement with us within 30 days after the failing inspection, you may cure the default within 90 days after the failing inspection. We may terminate the License if you do not perform that improvement agreement.

11.2 Termination. We may terminate the License, or this Agreement if the Opening Date has not occurred, effective when we send written notice to you or such later date as required by law or as stated in the default notice, when (1) you do not cure a default as provided in Section 11.1 or we are authorized to terminate under Section 3.1, (2) you discontinue operating the Facility as a "Ramada", (3) a guarantor on whom we are relying to enter into this Agreement dies or becomes incapacitated, (4) you lose possession or the right to possession of the Facility, (5) you (or any guarantor) suffer the termination of another license or franchise agreement with us or one of our affiliates, (6) you intentionally maintain false books and records or submit a materially false report to us, (7) you (or any guarantor) generally fail to pay debts as they come due in the ordinary course of business, (8) you, any guarantor or any of your owners or agents misstated to us or omitted to tell us a material fact to obtain or maintain this Agreement with us, (9) you receive two or more notices of default from us in any one year period (whether or not you cure the defaults), (10) a violation of Section 9 occurs, or a Transfer occurs before the relicensing process is completed, (11) you contest in court the ownership or right to franchise or license all or any part of the System or the validity of any of the Marks, (12) you, any guarantor or the Facility is subject to any voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, receivership, assignment, reorganization, moratorium, composition or a similar

not be responsible for direct, indirect, special, consequential or exemplary damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenues.

12. Liquidated Damages.

12.1 Generally. If we terminate the License under Section 11.2, or you terminate this Agreement (except under Section 11.3 or as a result of our default which we do not cure within a reasonable time after written notice), you will pay us within 30 days following the date of termination, as Liquidated Damages, an amount equal to the sum of accrued Royalties and RINA Services Assessment Fees during the immediately preceding 24 full calendar months (or the number of months remaining in the unexpired Term at the date of termination, whichever is less). If the Facility has been open for less than 24 months, then the amount shall be the average monthly Royalties and RINA Services Assessment Fees since the Opening Date multiplied by 24. You will also pay any applicable Taxes assessed on such payment. Liquidated Damages will not be less than the product of \$2,000.00 multiplied by the number of guest rooms in the Facility. If we terminate this Agreement under Section 3 before the Opening Date, you will pay us within 10 days after you receive our notice of termination Liquidated Damages equal to one-half the amount payable for termination under Section 11.2. Liquidated Damages are paid in place of our claims for lost future Recurring Fees under this Agreement. Our right to receive other amounts due under this Agreement is not affected.

12.2 Condemnation Payments. In the event a Condemnation is to occur, you will pay us the fees set forth in Section 7 for a period of one year after we receive the initial notice of condemnation described in Section 11.3.2, or until the Condemnation occurs, whichever is longer. You will pay us Liquidated Damages equal to the average daily Royalties and RINA Services Assessment Fees for the one year period preceding the date of your condemnation notice to us multiplied by the number of days remaining in the one year notice period if the Condemnation is completed before the one year notice period expires. This payment will be made within 30 days after Condemnation is completed (when you close the Facility or you deliver it to the condemning authority). You will pay no Liquidated Damages if the Condemnation is completed after the one year notice period expires, but the fees set forth in Section 7 must be paid when due until Condemnation is completed.

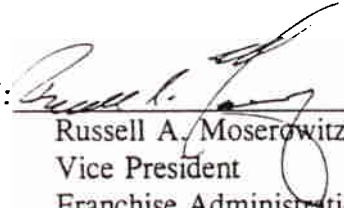
13. Your Duties At and After Termination. When the License or this Agreement terminates for any reason whatsoever:

13.1 System Usage Ceases. You will immediately stop using the System to operate and identify the Facility. You will remove all signage and other items bearing any Marks and follow the other steps detailed in the System Standards Manual for changing the identification of the Facility. You will promptly paint over or remove the Facility's distinctive System trade dress, color schemes and architectural features.

13.2 Other Duties. You will pay all amounts owed to us under this Agreement within 10 days after termination. You will owe us Recurring Fees on Gross Room Revenues accruing

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first stated above.

WE:
RAMADA FRANCHISE SYSTEMS, INC.

BY: 

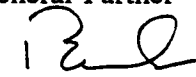
Russell A. Moserowitz
Vice President
Franchise Administration

ATTEST: 


Assistant Secretary

YOU, as licensee:
ABILENE INN HOTEL, L.P., a
Delaware Limited Partnership

BY: Abilene Inn Hotel, Inc., a
Delaware Corporation, its
General Partner

BY: 

Paul Poer
Vice President

ATTEST: 

Mary Ann Harris